



GOVERNORS' BIOFUELS COALITION

• Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, Chairman • Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, Vice Chairman

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

***Subject: Proposed Rule, 2014 Standards for the Renewable Fuel Standard Program,
Docket ID No. EPA- HQ-OAR-2013-0479***

Dear President Obama:

The Governors' Biofuels Coalition welcomes this opportunity to comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule for the 2014 Standards for the Renewable Fuel Standard Program (RFS).

If adopted without significant modifications, the proposed rule will have a devastating impact on the nation's biofuels industry, improving economy, consumer choice, and energy independence.

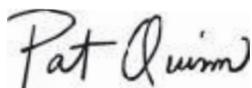
Since 1998, the Governors' Biofuels Coalition has sponsored bipartisan discussions and analyses of issues affecting our states' and the nation's transportation fuel sector. The Coalition's member governors worked closely with Congressional leadership and Administration officials to craft the first and expanded renewable fuel standards and to ensure their passage. As we have pointed out repeatedly, none of the Congressional sponsors of the RFS legislation ever intended that their landmark legislative achievement would be interpreted in a way that would threaten the development of the nation's biofuels industry. The RFS was adopted to expand the nation's biofuels industry — not to stifle its growth.

EPA's proposed rule for 2014 will have a widespread, adverse effect for first-generation and second-generation biofuels, crippling the growing, but still nascent, advanced and cellulosic biofuels industry. It will damage rural America's economic future. It will undercut our progress towards energy independence. It will undermine various initiatives to put people back to work. And it will impede the work states are doing to promote alternative fuels.

This is not the time for backward movement. We have started on a path to a cleaner, more energy independent America, and to replace domestic biofuel production with fossil fuels with not only hurt our economy but our environment. Therefore, Mr. President, on behalf of our Coalition colleagues, we respectfully urge you to revise the proposed EPA rule so that our nation can continue to move towards an energy secure and economically strong future.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Governor of Illinois



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